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SUBJECT: PACIFIC POWER AND PROTEIN PROPOSES OCEAN THERMAL
CONVERSION PLANT FOR ABIDJAN

1. MARCH 21, DAVID MAGER, PRESIDENT OF PACIFIC POWER AND
PROTEIN, INC., VISITED AF/W DIRECTOR TO EXPLAIN HIS
COMPANY'S PROPOSAL FOR AN OCEAN THERMAL ENERGY CONVERSION
(OTEC) PLANT AT ABIDJAN. IN BRIEF, OTEC GENERATES
ELECTRICITY BY UTILIZING THE DIFFERENT TEMPERATURES OF
SEA WATER ON THE SURFACE AND AT A GREAT DEPTH. THE TROU
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SANS FOND CANYON OFF THE COAST NEAR ABIDJAN MAKES THE
LAGOON AT ABIDJAN AN ATTRACTIVE AND ECONOMIC SITE. IN
ADDITION TO PRODUCING ELECTRICITY, THE PROJECT COULD
PRODUCE PROTEIN FROM THE DEEP SEA AND POSSIBLY AMMONIA
FOR USE IN MAKING FERTILIZER.

2. MAGER BELIEVES HIS PROJECT IS TWO YEARS AHEAD OF

POTENTIAL COMPETITORS INCLUDING EUROPEANS. HE ALSO BELIEVES IVORY COAST GOVERNMENT IS INTERESTED. HE ARRIVES IN ABIDJAN MARCH 25 AND WILL CONTACT EMBASSY MARCH 27. HE WILL STAY AT HOTEL IVOIRE AND EXPECTS REMAIN IN ABIDJAN FOR ABOUT 45 DAYS. WE OFFERED INFORM EMBASSY OF HIS ARRIVAL AND PROMISED EMBASSY ASSISTANCE. PLEASE REPORT FULLY ON HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOIC.

3. MAGER HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH OUATTARA, THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF ECOWAS, AND SAYS OUATTARA HAS ASKED HIM TO PARTICIPATE IN ECOWAS CONFERENCE ON ENERGY IN EARLY SUMMER. PAPER ON OTEC POSSIBILITIES IN GHANA, SENEGAL AND LIBERIA, WHICH MAGER WROTE FOR ECOWAS, FOLLOWS BY POUCH.

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